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23 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 July 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Adm. Foster, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Washburn,
Mr. Staats

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NSC review(s) completed.

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3. Coordination of Psychological Warfare Activities

The discussion then turned to a consideration of how best to assure continuing coordination of psychological warfare guidance during the period of current crisis in the Middle East. It developed that a number of existing interagency groups are coping with this problem and that the best solution would be to adapt one or more of these to deal with the unusual situation now prevailing. Specifically, it was agreed that the daily State-USIA information policy guidance sessions (which CIA attends) should be opened to Defense representation. It was also noted that the USIA has recently established an ad hoc committee consisting of representatives of State, Defense, CIA, and USIA to coordinate day to day operating guidance for media, in connection with the Middle East.

As a byproduct of this discussion, it was pointed out that the kind of question that requires resolution in some committee of this type is exemplified by the problem of what position does the U.S. take on Arab nationalism, particularly in light of events of the past few days.

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5. Possible Cancellation of Demonstration Shot, Hardtack Series

The Board considered once more the proposal by the AEC to cancel the proposed demonstration shot in the Hardtack series, for

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the benefit of UN observers. The AEC argued that recent developments in the Middle East and the lack of interest on the part of many of the countries invited put a new light on the situation and made it advisable to reconsider the President's invitation of 26 March to qualified foreign observers. The Board agreed with the AEC position and decided that the matter should be brought to the attention of the President as soon as possible with a recommendation from the OCB that the demonstration shot be cancelled if it is possible to do so without embarrassment to the President or the U.S.

6. Hungarian Orchestra

It was pointed out that the Hungarian Refugee Orchestra will require financial assistance from the period September 15, 1958, to September 15, 1959. The Ford Foundation grant expires on the earlier date and arrangements which are expected to be concluded by either Nurnberg or Stuttgart to take on support of the orchestra will not be effective until the latter date. It was noted that the Ford Foundation has indicated a definite decision to discontinue support, but it was agreed that an informal sounding out of the Foundation might be undertaken by State to see if the additional year could not be covered. It was also brought out that failing further assistance from Ford, the U.S. Escapee Program might have available funds to carry the orchestra until it could complete its permanent arrangements.


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